

- (3) A representative of the North Carolina Partnership for Children appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (4) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services or the Secretary's designee.
- (5) A Department of Social Services County Director appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) A Department of Public Health County Director appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (7) A representative of a Local Partnership for Children appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (8) One representative from a private for-profit day care appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one representative from a private not-for-profit day care appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the appointing authority. Cochairs of the Commission shall be designated by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives from among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet upon the call of the cochairs.

SECTION 26.3. The Commission shall invite the Secretary of Health and Human Services to attend each meeting of the Commission and encourage the Secretary's participation in the Commission's deliberations.

SECTION 26.4. The Commission shall study the funding of the North Carolina Partnership for Children. In conducting the study, the Commission shall consider the following:

- (1) The current funding system of the North Carolina Partnership for Children.
- (2) Any strategies for achieving full funding and full service for North Carolina's young children and families.
- (3) Funding equity among all counties and local partnerships.
- (4) Any other information the Commission deems relevant in providing services to young children and families including child care services.

SECTION 26.5. Members of the Commission shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1, 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate. Upon the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional staff to the Commission to aid in its work. The Commission may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. The Commission may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly, subject to approval of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Commission shall meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations. Subject to the approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building. The Commission, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all the powers provided under the provisions of G.S. 120-19 and G.S. 120-19.1 through G.S. 120-19.4, including the power to request all officers, agents, agencies, and departments of the State to provide any information, data, or documents within their possession, ascertainable from their records, or otherwise available to them and the power to subpoena witnesses.